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Subpart A—General Provisions and Conditions

§ 154.1 Application; Obligation to file.

(a) The provisions of this part apply to filings pursuant to section 4 of the Natural Gas Act.

(b) Every natural gas company must file with the Commission and post in conformity with the requirements of this part, schedules showing all rates and charges for any transportation or sale of natural gas subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, and the classifications, practices, rules, and regulations affecting such rates, charges, and services, together with all contracts related thereto.

(c) No natural gas company may file, under this part, any new or changed rate schedule or contract for the performance of any service for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certificate amendment must be obtained pursuant to section

7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, until such certificate has been issued.

(d) For the purposes of paragraph (b) of this section, any contract that conforms to the form of service agreement that is part of the pipeline's tariff pursuant to §154.110 does not have to be filed. Any contract or executed service agreement which deviates in any material aspect from the form of service agreement in the tariff is subject to the filing requirements of this part.

§ 154.2 Definitions.

(a) Contract means any agreement which in any manner affects or relates to rates, charges, classifications, practices, rules, regulations, or services for any transportation or sale of natural gas subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. This term includes an executed service agreement.

(b) FERC Gas Tariff or tariff means a compilation, either in book form or on electronic media, of all of the effective rate schedules of a particular natural gas company, and a copy of each form of service agreement.

(c) Form of service agreement means an unexecuted agreement for service included as an example in the tariff.

(d) *Post means:* to make a copy of a natural gas company's tariff and contracts available during regular business hours for public inspection in a convenient form and place at the natural gas company's offices where business is conducted with affected customers; and, to mail to each affected customer and interested state commission a copy of the tariff, or part thereof. Mailing must be accomplished by U.S. Mail, unless some other method is agreed to by the parties.

(e) Rate schedule means a statement of a rate or charge for a particular classification of transportation or sale of natural gas subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, and all terms, conditions, classifications, practices, rules, and regulations affecting such rate or charge.

(f) Filing date means the day on which a tariff, or part thereof, or a contract is received in the Office of the Secretary of the Commission for filing in compliance with the requirements of this part.

§ 154.3 Effective tariff.

(a) The effective tariff of a natural gas company is the tariff filed pursuant to the requirements of this part, and permitted by the Commission to become effective. A natural gas company must not directly or indirectly, demand, charge, or collect any rate or charge for, or in connection with, the transportation or sale of natural gas subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission, or impose any classifications, practices, rules, or regulations, different from those prescribed in its effective tariff and executed service agreements on file with the Commission, unless otherwise specifically permitted by order of the Commission.

(b) No tariff provision may purport to change an effective rate or charge except in the manner provided in section 4 of the Natural Gas Act, and the regulations in this part. The tariff may not provide for any rate or charge to be automatically changed by an index or other periodic adjustment, without filing for a rate change pursuant to these regulations.

§ 154.4 Electronic and paper media.

(a) *General rule.* All statements filed pursuant to subpart D of this part, and all workpapers in spreadsheet format, and tariff sheets other than those in Volume No. 2, must be submitted on electronic media. Filings pursuant to this part 154 must also include the prescribed number of paper copies. Tariffs, rate schedules, and contracts, or parts thereof, and material related thereto, including any change in rates, notice of cancellation or termination, and certificates of adoption, must be submitted to the Commission in an original and 5 paper copies, except that filings pursuant to subpart D of this part must be submitted in an original and 12 paper copies.

(b) All filings must be signed in compliance with the following.

(1) The signature on a filing constitutes a certification that: The signer has read the filing signed and knows the contents of the paper copies and electronic media; the paper copies contain the same information as contained on the electronic media; the contents as stated in the copies and on the electronic media are true to the best